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RUSSIANS WAGE STUBBORN WAR

Successes Against Foes in
South Interfere With
German Plans

WEAKEN HINDENBURG

Draw Troops Into Galicia Which Are
Needed in the North in Drive Upon
Railways.

London, Sept. 17.—Stern battles are being fought all along the eastern front from Riga to the Rumanian border and, while the Germans continue to advance slowly in the north and centre, the Russians in the south are repeating their successes against the Austro-German armies, which are now being driven back across the River Stripa in Galicia and have been forced to retire westward, north of the Galician frontier.

While these Russian victories naturally are welcomed in Russia and the allied countries as an evidence that the Russian armies still are able to take the offensive when well supplied with ammunition, there is no inclination to exaggerate their importance. The engagements however, keep the Austro-Germans busy and make it imperative to send reinforcements southward, which could be used to better advantage in the north, where operations of much greater moment are being directed by Field Marshal von Hindenburg.

This general, who began his offensive against the Vilna-Dvinsk railway a week ago, has not yet established himself on the line. His cavalry, which had reached it, has been driven back. Nevertheless, he has driven the Russians across the Dvina River north of Dvinsk, placing that city in a rather dangerous position, and also has made some progress north of Vilna.

To the south of Vilna, toward Grodno, the Russians are offering stubborn resistance and have the Germans firmly held. Something of the same kind has happened in the centre. Prince Leopold has been delayed in his advance. Field Marshal von Mackensen has passed his forces through the Pripiet marshes and is now in possession of Pinsk. From this point southward the Russian are advancing and have reoccupied a number of villages, but they are not likely to push their advantage much further, as to do so would make their northern flank vulnerable.

A good deal of importance is attached to the decision of Russia to call to the colors the reserves of the territorial army. Should the age limit be fixed at 35 years, this fresh call would mean the possible addition of 8,000,000 men to the Russian army, including the men who have passed through the first line and the reserve and those who heretofore have been exempted as students, or only sons, of men who are not quite up to the physical standard. Naturally all of these could not be armed and equipped, but Russia could have the pick of them.

With Russia now well supplied with munitions, her allies, who have been supplying her, are now able to turn their attention to their own armies, and, in consequence, there is no cessation in the artillery engagements which have been so marked in the West for several weeks past.

DEATH OF MISS NORTON

Intelligence was received in this city this afternoon of the death in Catonsville, Md. today of Miss Nannie Norton. The deceased was a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. George H. Norton, for many years rector of St. Paul's Church in this city. She is survived by her brother, J. K. M. Norton, and three sisters—Miss Gault Norton, of this city; Miss Claudia Mason, widow of Rev. John K. Mason, of Louisville, Ky.; and Mrs. A. H. Sands, of Richmond.

LOST—Hand satchel containing pair glasses, 2 handkerchiefs and small pocket book. Return to 819 King Street.

NEGOTIATING LOAN.

Principal Sum May Be Only \$500,000.

New York, Sept. 17.—Here is the status of the Anglo-French loan negotiations reached last night, it can be authoritatively stated:

The total amount wanted is \$750,000,000.

The principal loan may be one of only \$500,000,000.

The yield to the public will be 5 per cent. but, of course, the cost to the European governments will be appreciably larger, since all banking commissions will have to be paid by the borrowers.

The bonds, as in the case of all government issues, will not be secured by pledged collateral, but by a first lien, so to speak, on all the assets of the two nations.

The bonds will not all run for the same number of years, as repayment of so huge a sum at one time would be calculated to gravely upset international—that is foreign exchange. The first maturity may be five years from the date of issue, one fifth being paid off annually thereafter, although this proposed arrangement may yet be changed.

Distribution of the greater part of the entire offering has already been arranged, it was stated by inside interests.

Successful negotiations are expected to be carried through to have such powerful houses as Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and J. & A. Seligman join the flotation. Jacob H. Schiff, when asked if the report was true that he has written a letter condemning the proposed "billion dollar loan," said:

"The report is false, I never wrote any such letter."

Washington, Sept. 17.—Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, chairman of the House finance committee and author of the Federal reserve act, expressed the view yesterday that the loan sought by the allies would be to the commercial interests of the United States. He said the project should be regarded only as a commercial transaction, and could see nothing in the Federal reserve act which would make it unneutral for the member banks to enter into such a credit. Mr. Glass said that the banks are full of money and that the resources are ample to swing the deal.

Mr. Glass said he could see no reason why the bankers themselves should not make the loan if they desired, since the government in no way could be involved in it.

He expressed the opinion that the United States has a right to sell to the warring powers, not alone the allies, but to Germany and Austria as well. He said there is no violation of neutrality in the rediscounting of bankers' acceptances in Federal reserve banks, where the shipments are according to law.

YOUNG GIRL A SUICIDE

Melancholy She Sent a Bullet Through Her Heart

Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—Made melancholy by constant brooding over the death of her mother, 14-year-old Sadie Greene shot herself through the heart late Wednesday night in her bedroom at her home in Frankford. The body, fully dressed and stretched across a bed, was found early yesterday morning by the father of the dead girl, Herbert H. Greene, a tea and coffee salesman.

Near the body was a note, scribbled that she had been driven to self destruction by the cruelty of Theresa A. Jackson, who is employed by Greene as a housekeeper.

The girl's mother died six years ago. Until two years ago she was under the care of two older sisters, but after they married both left home and Greene employed a housekeeper to look after his home.

AUTO TRUCK KILLS CHILD

Little Girl Run Down on Way to Picnic in Park

Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—Crushed under the wheels of a heavy auto truck which ran her down yesterday as she attempted to cross Ridge avenue near Thirty-third street, 7-year-old Eleanor Grotheen, of No. 2961 Bambray street, was injured so badly that she died on the way to the Women's Homeopathic Hospital. Two wheels of the heavy truck passed over the girl's head. George Blake, driver of the truck, was arrested and held for a hearing.

FILES PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

State Treasurer, Lists
Asher W. Harman, Jr.,
Liabilities

MANY BANKS MAY LOSE

Secured and Unsecured Claims in all
Sections of State—Insurance Policies Chief Assets.

State Treasurer Asher W. Harman, Jr., yesterday filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy in the United States District Court in Richmond, listing his liabilities at \$54,680.95 and his assets at \$17,167.50.

Of the total amount of Mr. Harman's indebtedness, as listed in the petition, his creditors hold securities for the payment of \$11,898.34, and \$8,060 of the amount is vouchered for accommodation paper, his brother, former State Senator A. C. Harman, standing security for the greater part of amount. The balance of the claims aggregating \$34,722.61, are unsecured.

Of the \$17,167.50 listed by the petitioner as his assets, two life insurance policies one for \$5,000 in the Northwestern Mutual and the other for \$10,000 in the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, both of which are held as collateral by the Planters' National Bank make up the greater part. The balance of the assets, except \$425, is represented by real estate, consisting of: lot on Chaffin Street, held as collateral by the Bank of Commerce and Trust; a tract of land in Rockbridge County, containing twelve and a half acres; four lots in Suffolk County, N. Y., and two in Oyster Bay, N. Y.

DENIAL FROM VIENNA

Closing of Austrian Frontier Not Act of Hostility to Rumania

Vienna, Sept. 17.—The Austrian foreign office has explained to Rumania that the temporary closing of the Austrian frontier must not be construed as an act of hostility.

This statement was made through the Austrian diplomats at Bucharest because of articles printed in the Rumanian newspapers, asserting that the Austro-Germans were planning to invade Rumania and march to Turkey's assistance.

The foreign office informed the Rumanian government that Austria had contemplated no movement against Rumania, and the frontier communication would be re-established as soon as important movements have been completed.

BATTERY EXPLOSION

Question of Who Sent F-4 Boat to Sea Is Still Unanswered

Dispatches from Honolulu reveal that the submarine F-4 was destroyed and her crew lost by an explosion of her batteries.

The board of inquiry has established this and forwarded its report to the Navy Department. The fuses of all four batteries were blown out.

It has been believed here from the first that battery trouble caused the explosion. The question of who was responsible for sending out to sea a submarine in the condition in which the F-4 was has never yet been officially answered.

DEATH OF J. W. TRAVERS

John W. Travers, 66 years old, employed by the Potomac Fish Co., died suddenly this morning at his home, 622 north Patrick street, of acute indigestion. He is survived by his wife and seven children as follows: John George, Frank and Andrew Travers, Mrs. W. R. Hall and Misses Bertie and Evelyn Travers.

LOCAL BREVITIES

The circuit court, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, closed its September term this morning.

Cecil Reeves, the six month old son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Reeves, died this morning at the home of his parents, 312 south Columbus St., His funeral took place this afternoon.

Graham and Ogden, real estate agents, have sold for Charles H. Emery to George H. McDonald of Bergen County, N. J., a farm containing 116 acres, with a dwelling house located thereon, at Minnieville, Prince William County, Md.

Judge Holt, of Staunton, Va., has been designated by Governor Stuart to hold a part of the October term of the circuit court of Prince William county, in place of Judge J. B. T. Thornton who asked to be relieved.

The annual state inspection of the Alexandria Light Infantry took place last night in the armory and was conducted by Lieut. Col. Jo Lane Stern, assistant inspector general of Virginia militia. The company was in command of Captain W. M. King.

The state corporation commission has granted a charter to the Central Mutual Telephone Co. of Manassas with a capital stock of \$5,000. William M. Wheeler, of Washington, is president, and Abraham Conner, of Washington, secretary-treasurer.

The Fraternal order of Eagles baseball team will play the strong Occoquan, Va., team tomorrow evening on North Alfred street grounds at 2:30 o'clock. Quayle or White will pitch with Jones doing the receiving.

END OF HESPERIAN CASE

Officials Inclined to Accept View That Torpedo Did Not Destroy Vessel

Washington, Sept. 17.—The case of the Allan liner Hesperian, which was destroyed by an explosion about two weeks ago near Fastnet, has become practically a closed incident at the State Department.

Secretary Lansing received the report of the German admiralty in this case yesterday, and the department is disposed to accept the German explanation. The main point in the admiralty report is that the vessel could not have been destroyed by a German torpedo, for reason that the reports from submarines at the time of the accident show that none of them was in that locality. It is admitted by officials that without positive proof to the contrary, this statement would be conclusive. It is admitted also that from the evidence sent to the State Department by Consul Frost at Queenstown and from Ambassador Page at London, the department was obliged to conclude that no proof had been offered to connect a German submarine with the incident.

It had been asserted by officers of the Hesperian that they saw "fragments of a torpedo" on deck. No one, however, saw a submarine, and so far as is known the fragments referred to were not preserved.

DEATH OF COLORED RESIDENT.

Richard Dogan, an old, well-known and respected colored resident, died at his home, 406 South Fairfax street, this morning. He was 75 years old, and for a long time had been blind. He was a plasterer by occupation, and was one of large family which resided in the same house during the past three-quarters of a century. Older residents will remember the parents, Anthony and Maria Dogan, respected residents throughout their long lives.

WAITING FOR CLAIMANT

There has been a second drawing for the automobile which has been on exhibition at A. Katz's shoe store for some time. No. 900 was the lucky number. The donor requests the holder of this ticket to appear and receive the prize. There was a drawing some time ago and the lucky number published in the Gazette, but the holder of the ticket failed to appear.

NOTICE OYSTERS

I have again taken up the oyster business, and am prepared to furnish the trade with the best oysters arriving at Alexandria by steamboat from lower river points. Orders respectfully solicited. J. L. DELLA, 325 Queen Street. Bell Phone 370J.

T. F. RYAN OWES \$1,700,000 TAXES

Wealthiest Citizen to Be Assessed on \$50,000,000 Estate

CONFERENCES HELD

John L. Lee Counsel for Examiners and Congressman Hal Flood is Ryan's Attorney.

Thomas Fortune Ryan, commonly reputed to be the wealthiest citizen of Virginia, is called upon to settle with the State for back taxes due on omitted taxable values estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$500,000,000.

The estimated indebtedness of Mr. Ryan to the State on this enormous amount, the accumulated omissions of ten years, is \$1,700,000. These facts have become known since negotiations were opened between representatives of the Ryan estate and State officials, with a view to satisfying the requirements of the tax laws and at the same time safeguarding Mr. Ryan's interests against any possible imposition.

The State Auditor, the Attorney-General, Governor Stuart, Examiner of Records James S. Easley, of Lynchburg, and R. H. Hammond, of Amherst, all of whom have intimate knowledge of the matter under consideration, have preserved the utmost secrecy with reference to the case to this time. Attorney John L. Lee, of Lynchburg, who has been employed to push the collection of the tax claims to a final conclusion, likewise declines to discuss any phase of the matter.

When Mr. Lee came to Richmond last Tuesday and conferred with Governor Stuart and Auditor Moore, it was reported that he was representing the Ryan interests. Later he admitted that his services had been engaged by the examiners and taxing officers.

Inquiry in Richmond last night elicited from Lynchburg the information that "Mr. Lee will make no statement until after a conference in the near future has been held."

State Auditor Moore said yesterday that Mr. Lee had called on him last Tuesday and that they had "a quiet little business talk." The Lynchburg lawyer merely asking to be advised on conferred with Attorney-General Poling of the Ryan estate. Mr. Lee also amount of back taxes due. Mr. Polard replied that the Attorney-General might expect from him in the effort to compel payment of the large amount of back taxes due. Mr. Polard replied that the Attorney-General's office would lend every assistance in its power to collect taxes due the Commonwealth from any source, matters of that kind being in line with the duties and functions of the office.

Out of the numerous secret conferences held in the last two weeks, the information, apparently authentic, comes that the estimate of the amount of omitted taxes due by the Ryan estate, \$1,700,000, is based upon an estimate fixing the total wealth of Mr. Ryan at \$50,000,000. The popular belief is, however, that the Ryan fortune is nearer \$100,000,000.

Figures available in the taxbooks in the State Auditor's office show that the total amount assessed in 1914 was \$24,095.76.

The taxable values of the Ryan estate were listed in 1914 as follows: lands and buildings, \$231,879.84; personal property, tangibles, \$300,000; intangibles, \$1,500,000; income, \$1,500,000. It was on this statement of his taxable values that Mr. Ryan paid the total of his taxes in Virginia, \$24,095.76.

The books show, too, the amount of the Nelson County levies on tangible and intangible property. It amounted to only \$13,500.

FOR SALE

Four of the most desirable lots in East Braddock, fronting on Alexandria Avenue, between the handsome residences of Mr. J. Y. Williams and J. P. Johansen. Apply to ROSS T. ELLIOTT, Kenos Bldg., Wash., D. C.

MAY RECOGNIZE CARRANZA

Officials Confident Government is Near Definite Decision on Mexico

Washington, Sept. 17.—On the eve of the third Pan-American-Mexican conference, to be held in New York tomorrow, an element of confidence exists in official and diplomatic circles here that the Government is approaching a definite decision which may lead to the recognition of Carranza.

That Great Britain and France have been given to understand country's willingness to treat with that such may be the result of this Carranza on the question of foreign claims against Mexico, is indicated by the action of these two powers in ordering their citizens and consuls to leave the territory in northern Mexico controlled by Villa.

This action was taken following conferences between the British and French ambassadors and Secretary Lansing. It is exactly similar to that already taken by this Government.

Whether Mr. Lansing suggested that Great Britain and France follow the lead of the United States, it is believed that the two ambassadors were given to understand that the United States is about to reach a decision which may arouse Villa adherents to vigorous reprisals against all foreigners.

Secretary Lansing will leave Washington for New York this afternoon. The conference, which will be held at the Hotel Biltmore, will convene at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Inquiries in official circles develop the impression that the Administration is anxious to bring about a settlement of the Mexican question before the close of the war in Europe, believing that unless this is done European powers will no longer be content to wait for this country to act. Carranza's growing favor in Washington is undoubtedly due to his consistent military success.

POTASH FROM NEBRASKA

Said to Be Found in Abundance in Bed and Water of Lake.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 17.—Nebraska may soon be ready to supply the demand of America for potash, the supply of which has been absolutely cut off by the European war. Already a Nebraska concern is shipping carload after carload of potash every week to Eastern States, where it is used as the base for farm fertilizers, and the output of the plant is soon to be doubled of trebled in an effort to supply the demand caused by the cutting off of the German supply.

The Nebraska mine is the first to actually produce the substance in quantities sufficiently large to pay to ship to market and sell.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of the late T. A. Groves all persons having bills against the estate of the deceased are requested to present same, duly certified, for payment and all persons owing said estate are requested to settle their indebtedness promptly.

LILLIAN E. GROVES, Executrix, 22 Eight St. N. W. Washington, D. C.

WHITE HEATH PEACHES

We have what is conceded by all who have seen them, the most perfect white heath peaches ever grown and the prices are surprisingly low for such beauties. In fact we know we are selling them lower than they are being sold at the points where grown. Our one price is all you have to pay to have them delivered to you in prime condition. When you buy from the grower you never know how much the express charges are going to be until you get the fruit, and in most cases the charges and first cost added make your purchase very expensive besides you are liable to have shattered baskets and bruised or specked fruit. We sell you peaches which must be entirely as you wish them or you have the privilege of returning them. The fact that we are selling half the peaches that are being sold in Alexandria, both wholesale and retail, and receive one or two big wagon loads each day is evidence that we have the right goods, right prices, and confidence of the public. We advise you to buy your peaches before it is too late. We are in touch with conditions regarding the supply, and our information is that they will soon be off the market as the present hot weather has ripened nearly all the late fruit.

We will have another big peach sale tomorrow, very fine ones at ten cents quarter peck, extra help will be here to serve all who failed to get them last Saturday.

J. M. PETTIT, JR. (Next to Surprise Theatre) 605 King Street. Phone 783.

GUARD ROADS TO HOPEWELL

Richmond Police Invoked to Meet Unprecedented Situation

GOVERNOR PREPARES

Baldwin Men on Guard—Rewards Offered for Arrest of Highwaymen and Other Outlaws.

Richmond, Sept. 17.—Richmond police in uniform are to patrol the road between Hopewell and Petersburg in an effort to put an end to the robberies which have been frequent in the past few days.

Drastic action to break up continued lawlessness at Hopewell will be taken by Governor Stuart, who is working in harmony with Judge Jesse F. West, of the Circuit Court of Prince George County, in which the powder-plant town is located. Reports made to the Governor show that open violence, including a series of automobile hold-ups, other highway robberies and shooting affrays, are on the increase, while other violations of the law have decreased to some extent.

The action was decided upon as an extended conference Wednesday night at the Executive Mansion, in which the Governor, Attorney-General Polard, the executive's legal adviser, and Judge West participated. It was agreed that the present police force is inadequate to handle the situation, and more police protection will be given at once by the Governor as a result of the representations made to him. Other definite steps were also decided upon by the Governor. These included the offering of rewards for highway robbers, liquor sellers and gamblers, and the offer of a special prosecutor to represent the Commonwealth in criminal trials at Hopewell.

A detail of uniformed officers from the Richmond Police Department in automobiles will patrol the roads between Petersburg and Hopewell following a series of hold ups by highwaymen who are infesting the much-traveled routes between the two points. Judge West has prepared a request to Mayor Ansley, of Richmond, for the detail, which will probably go on duty today. Attorney-General Polard conferred with Mayor Ansley and Chief of Police Werner yesterday regarding the matter, and the necessary officers will be furnished.

The officers will be armed with Winchester shotguns, charged with buckshot, and will be prepared for any emergency. The robbers have been using automobiles to make their escape from the scenes of the hold-ups.

The hold-ups on the Hopewell-Petersburg road have been occurring with alarming frequency within the last two or three weeks, and the Governor has received a large number of complaints regarding this phase of the situation.

In addition to the police patrol on the roads, additional policemen and a number of secret service men will be placed on duty in Hopewell and vicinity for the purpose of enforcing the laws. The Governor has been informed that open violence is on the increase, and that intoxicating liquor are being dispensed in large quantities of questionable character remain open.

WANTED—A nice healthy baby two months old will be given for adoption to responsible persons who can furnish references. Write 100 West Clay Street, Richmond, Va. 17 1mo.

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